

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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AUGUST 4, 1842.  
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Mr. BATES submitted the following

REPORT :

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Mary Nelson, report :*

That the petitioner asks for a pension as the widow of a revolutionary soldier. The petitioner alleges that the only ground of objection to the admission of her claim at the Pension Office is, "that she can not upon her oath say that she has never been married since the death of her first husband;" when it appears, by the papers on file in the office to which she refers, that she has not *identified herself as the widow of the soldier* whose service she claims. If so, the fact is easy of proof. The committee have deemed a full compliance with this regulation of the Department the more reasonable, inasmuch as the declaration of the petitioner was made subsequent to the date of a certificate of the service of one Robert Nelson, given by the Secretary of State of North Carolina. Under the circumstances of the application, in some respects peculiar, the committee do not deem the proof of identity established. Wherefore,

*Resolved,* That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

Thomas Allen, print.

